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(U) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Hannele Tikanvaara, counsellor in the MFA's Unit for Latin America, on Nov. 15. Tikanvaara said that Finland will likely provide assistance to the OAS Mission in Colombia. The Finnish Embassy in Washington is discussing the type of assistance-- financial or in-kind-- with the OAS. The GoF is already preparing to include the necessary appropriations in a supplemental development assistance bill for the final quarter of 2005 or first quarter of 2006.

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